12.	Kerala	9
13.	Madhya Pradesh	19
14.	Maharashtra	326
15.	Manipur	..
16.	Orissa	..
17.	Pondicherry	54
18.	Rajasthan	..
19.	Tamil Nadu	531
20.	Uttar Pradesh	3
21.	West Bengal	4
	TOTAL	1062

(c) Till 31st July, 1989, 30 full blown cases of AIDS were detected. Out of these, 18 were Indians. All of them have expired.

Health Education and counselling is being provided to infected individuals. Regular follow-up is being maintained of all infected persons. Mass-Media including T.V. and news-papers is being used to educate the masses about preventive measures.

Formation of Physiotherapists and occupational therapists Council

1665. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Nav Bharat Times dated the 13th July, 1989 to the effect that Government have sanctioned Rs. 5,00,000 for the formation of Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the proposed Council is likely to start functioning; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The Government have seen the news item. The Government have provided an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs for the purpose during the year 1989-90.

(b) The matter is under process.

(c) Does not arise.

Scarcity of stores and equipment in telephone exchanges

1666. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telephone Exchanges invariably in all Regions are not having enough stores of stores and equipments;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to expedite procurement of essential stores;

(c) what is the agency for procurement of stores and equipment;

(d) whether corruption and red-tapism is prevalent in the South Delhi Chankaya Puri Telephone Stores; and

(e) whether Telephone Connections are not being provided due to such delay in getting stores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. There is no general shortage of stores. However in respect of a few exchanges there is some shortage of spare parts. Further there is shortage in respect of Cast Iron sockets of sorts due to non-availability of Pig Iron.

(b) Orders are pending on M/s I.T.I. for supply of exchange spare parts. M/s. SAIL have promised to give adequate ungraded Pig Iron this year. The position is expected to improve because of this.

(c) The Material Management Section in the Telecom. Directorate is the agency for procurement of stores.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.